



## Spring Branch Independent School District

### Spring Forest Middle School

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Faculty, Students, and Parents:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school, Monday **August 21st**, 2017 at **8:30 am**. We are anticipating another amazing year that will allow our faculty, students and families, the opportunity to embark on a personalized educational journey! Please read this letter carefully as there are several important dates pertaining to "Back-to-School" activities mentioned throughout.

To begin the year, I'd like to invite you and your family to a community event welcoming the three new principals at Meadow Wood Elementary, Spring Forest Middle, and Stratford High to this community. Please join us in welcoming our new Stratford Learning Community principals, Hailey Haynes (MWE), Raymorris Barnes (SFMS), and Chad Crowson (SHS) at a collective Meet and Greet that will take place on **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30-5:30** at Stratford High School. We hope to see you there.

Bobcat Camp will take place on **Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>**. At this time students will have the opportunity to come to school early and preview their schedules, and receive their locker assignments.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8:30 am – 10:00 am (meet in the auditorium)**  
**Any new students to SFMS are encouraged to come at 8:30 am**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 10:15 am – 11:15 am (meet in the cafeteria)**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm (meet in the cafeteria)**

There will be a short orientation for all students before they preview their schedules and receive their locker assignments. We will also provide 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and any new students and families, with a brief tour of the building and an opportunity to participate in a question and answer session. The PTA will be present to sell spirit wear on this day as well. **New this year will be the ability for students to wear approved spirit shirts any day of the week along with uniformed bottoms.** Students will still be allowed to wear blue jeans on Fridays with an approved spirit shirt as well. Health fitness uniforms will also be available to purchase for \$15.00 from our coaches. We look forward to welcoming all of our new families at this meeting. We highly encourage all families to participate in Bobcat Camp as you will get a glimpse at some of the wonderful ways to be an active participant in the Spring Forest community.

In addition to Bobcat Camp, we will provide another opportunity for families to come pick-up their schedules, receive locker assignments, and take a quick tour of the campus on **Thursday night, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. This opportunity is afforded to anyone who will not be able to attend Friday's Bobcat Camp. Because this will be a scaled down version, our PTA will not be selling spirit wear on Thursday evening. **If you or your child cannot participate in either activity, they will, of course, receive their schedules and lockers on the first day of school.**

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Scott R. Muri, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Students who are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade football program may pick up their athletic equipment from Coach Holycross in the Competition gym from **8 am - 10 am** on Saturday, **August 19<sup>th</sup>**, and students who are in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade football program may pick up their equipment on the same day from **9:30 am – 11:00 am**. Also, any girls interested in playing volleyball should plan to stay after school **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**, until **5:00 pm** for tryouts. Please remember that a physical and consent to treat forms must be on file **before** students may try out. If you need information about the athletic program at Spring Forest, please contact Coach Todd Holycross regarding football, or Coach Yolanda Sinegal regarding volleyball.

On the first day of school, your child will receive a large yellow envelope with many important documents. I know it is time consuming to go through all of this paperwork, particularly if you have multiple students, but we **must** have all required forms signed and returned promptly. We are required by law to gather certain data, and some forms contain demographic information that we may need, should an emergency situation arise. You also have the option of filling these forms out online ahead of time. Please access these forms through family access located on the SBISD webpage. Go to the **For Parents** menu and click on **Skyward (Family Access)** to sign in. Instructions for accessing the forms online were also mailed with your child's final report card. Thank you in advance, for returning these forms promptly!

Please mark your calendars for SFMS Open House which will be held on Thursday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>**, 2017 from **6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**. A brief PTA meeting will take place from **6:30 pm – 7:00 pm**. Please consider getting involved in the PTA. This is a wonderful organization, and they support so many activities at Spring Forest.

Please feel free to call, email, or visit us often. If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter, please call the front office at (713) 251 4600 for clarification. We are excited about the upcoming school year.

Warmest Regards,

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